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SUBJ: SOVIETS DROP PLANS FOR "U.S." PAVILLION AT NEW MOSCOW
EXHIBITION COMPLEX

REF: MOSCOW 5477

1. LOCAL PANAM REP ADVISED EMBOFF MAY 21 THAT USSR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HAD APPARENTLY DROPPED PLANS FOR A "U.S." PAVILLION TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY PANAM, BANK OF AMERICA AND PORTER INTERNATIONAL AT NEW MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTER. AS REPORTED REFTEL, US GROUP AND SOVIETS HAD WORKED OUT MOST DETAILS OF THIS PROJECT ALTHOUGH DISAGREEMENT ON FINANCIAL ASPECTS, I.E. HOW MANY TIMES U.S. GROUP WOULD BE ALLOWED FREE USE OF PAVILLION TO RECOVER COSTS, REMAINED MAJOR OBSTACLE TO REACHING FINAL AGREEMENT. IN APRIL, U.S. GROUP REAFFIRMED ITS POSITION THAT SIX RENT-FREE EXHIBITIONS WOULD BE NEEDED TO RECOVER ITS INVESTMENT. SOVIET REPLY, RECEIVED MAY 21, WAS THAT DUE TO CHAMBER'S INABILITY SECURE AGREEMENT OF APPROPRIATE SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS TO DEMOLISH "INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE" ON PROJECTED SITE OF NEW EXHIBITION COMPLEX, NUMBER OF PAVILLIONS HAD BEEN REDUCED FROM EIGHT TO FIVE. ACCORDINGLY, THERE WAS NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LONGER ANY ROOM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PAVILLION BY U.S. GROUP.

2. COMMENT: SOVIET REPLY CAME AS SURPRISE TO PANAM REP, AND
CHAMBER'S EXCUSE FOR DROPPING PROJECT APPEARS CONTRIVED GIVEN
FACT THAT CHAMBER HAD PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED THAT THERE WERE NO
PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING LAND REQUIRED FOR NEW EXHIBITION COMPLEX.
ALTHOUGH LATEST SOVIET MOVE MAY BE NEGOTIATING TACTIC, FOR TICALG 19-
75 TARGET DATE FOR FIRST EXHIBITION AT NEW SITE
TO BE DOUBTFUL AS WELL.
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